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SUBJECT: Revision of NIE-47

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1. Clarification is needed concerning the reworking of NIE-47,
Communist Capabilities and Intentions in Asia through 1954.

2. The Problem:

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Recommendation: That the Staff be instructed to rework
NIE-47 as a parallel estimate to the published [REDACTED] paper. 25X1X7

b. What time span is required? The 18 September 1951 cable

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The present 1954 time span on NIE-47 appears to be considerably
beyond the scope of the agency contributions.

Recommendation: That the 1954 time span be dropped and that
the Staff be instructed either to follow [REDACTED] example of 25X1X7
no time limitation or to adopt a "through mid-1953" span.

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c. What assumptions should be made for this estimate? The

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Board discussion of NIE-47 on 5 September seemed to reveal a need for some such assumption underlying the estimate, as well as an assumption concerning US policy in Asia.

Recommendation: That the assumptions adopted for this paper read as follows:

"Assumptions:

1. General war has not broken out between the US and the USSR.

2. No fundamental change has occurred in the policies toward Asia of the US and its Allies."

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3. Treatment

a. How detailed ought this paper to be? consists of 6 paragraphs of conclusions and 229 paragraphs of discussion. The 23 July 1952 draft of NIE-47 consists of 5 paragraphs of conclusions, 39 paragraphs of discussion, and the Annexes.

Recommendation: That the discussion in the 23 July 1952 draft of NIE-47 be reduced to 1/3 or 1/2 of its present length and that present annexes A and B be retained substantially unchanged.

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